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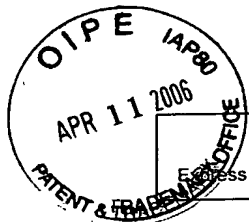
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For: INSTRUMENT FOR INSERTING,
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SCREWS AND OTHER ORTHOPEDIC
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated January 11, 2006 (Paper No. 123005), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.